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SCOTT MITCHELL, | SPECIAL TO THE STAR

## PRESIDENT CARLEO RETIRES AFTER FOUR DECADES

**Valley College's president of five years retires to care for her ailing husband.**

LEILANI PELTZ
NEWS EDITOR

In the wake of her husband's recent cancer surgery, President Sue Carleo announced Monday in a letter to the campus that she is retiring from Valley College, effective immediately.

The LACCD Board of Trustees named Alma Johnson-Hawkins as interim president last week, and she began work on Tuesday. Carleo had taken a leave of absence to take care of her husband before the fall semester, which sparked the search for an interim replacement.

Frank Carleo was diagnosed with anaplastic thyroid cancer, a rare form of the disease. Carleo made the decision to care for her husband full time.

"We have been married for 44 years," Carleo said, "and he is truly my best friend as well as my husband."

Carleo added that her husband's surgery removed 85 to 90 percent of the tumor and the thyroid gland, and she said the radiation and chemotherapy are necessary to eliminate the remaining tumor tissue.

The former Academic Senate president began working at Valley as a probationary instructor in 1975.

She helped found the college guild and spent 10 years in the senate. She served as an instructor special assignment project director to help launch Valley's business community

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DUSTIN SCHREIR| SPECIAL TO THE STAR

**GETTING STUCK-** Savannah Villa was one of dozens of Valley College students to participate in the September 12 American Red Cross blood drive.

## BLOOD DRIVE RETURNS TO VALLEY

**Students donate blood to the Red Cross for an important cause.**

CAMILA TABAR
STAFF WRITER

Trypanophobes, beware; Vampires, take note. The Red Cross returned to Valley College's Monarch Hall last Thursday for yet another successful blood drive.

Beginning at 9 a.m., students lined up for a chance to donate blood and help save lives. Frequent donor Noreen Sade said, "I do it because I know I'm making such a big difference by doing something that only takes a few minutes of my time."

Many other students in line agreed that the convenient time and location of the blood drive made donating, as Sade put it, "a no-brainer."

Courtney Caldwell, the donor recruitment representative, always looks forward to Valley's blood drives because of the student turnout. Caldwell said, "It's always consistent at [Valley]. We see an average of 60 students at every blood drive [and draw] about 400 pints of blood a year."

This is no small feat considering "colleges throughout the valley are supplying the blood supply for Southern California."

While saving lives is more than enough incentive for many, frequent donors who reach Super Donor status with three or more donations can also look forward to an end-of-the-year celebration hosted by Valley's head nurse, Sonia Nodal. Caldwell tells Super Donors to expect anything from T-shirts and cupcakes to Red Cross pins and an official certificate.

If anyone interested in donating missed Thursday's blood drive or would like to donate again, Valley will be holding monthly blood drives for the next eight months. For specific dates and more locations, potential donors may create an account on www.redcrossblood.org and enter their ZIP code for an extensive list.

Caldwell also encourages students to make appointments online "because it's easier on our staff to know how many people to expect," she said. "If we get a lot of appointments, we'll know to add staff to the operation that day."

However, with class schedules varying, walk-ins are still always welcome.

Potential donors may also look to the Red Cross's website for eligibility requirements and preparation tips. Standard suggestions—such as staying hydrated and coming well rested—are offered as well as ways to cope mentally for the process. Many people cringe at the thought of needles or blood, and the website suggests listening to an MP3 player or bringing a friend to ease these tensions. Donation is permitted every 56 days.

### BLOOD DRIVE LOCATIONS AND DATES

- AT VALLEY COLLEGE: OCT. 17 - 9 A.M. TO 3 P.M.
- DEC. 5 - 9 A.M. TO 3 P.M.
- DANIEL PEARL MAGNET HIGH SCHOOL: OCT. 14 - 11 A.M. TO 5 P.M.
- AT VAN NUYS DMV NOV. 7 - 9 A.M. TO 3 P.M.
- AT NOTRE DAME HIGH SCHOOL NOV. 26 - 7:30 A.M. TO 1:30 P.M.

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

To get Emergency Mobile Text Alerts, students may register for AlertU by visiting lavc.edu, clicking "AlertU" on the left side, entering a cellphone number and clicking "go." Then, reply with a "Y" to the confirmation text message.

For more information, visit lavc.edu/alertusignup.html.

## VALLEY GIVES VETS BENEFITS

**Valley College vets have access to a number of benefits which can make attending college possible.**

JORDAN UTLEY-THOMSON
STAFF WRITER

For kinesiology major Ezra Castle, a 23-year-old in the Army Reserves and a full-time student at Valley College, life is full of responsibilities.

Between 20 to 30 hours of work per week, classes, and monthly drills, it is challenging to find time to relax or complete school assignments.

"Managing my time is definitely not easy ... but veterans are granted priority enrollment every semester," Castle said. "That alone has been extremely helpful with my educational plans."

Veterans at Valley have access to a number of benefits that can help them on their educational path, whether it applies to early enrollment in classes, seeking aid to pay tuition or for help in finding employment assistance. There are around 750 veterans attending Valley, and around 350 of them take advantage of the services and benefits available to them.

The most popular of these benefits is the Post-9/11 GI Bill. This bill pays full tuition and fees for all public schools, even if a student is classified as out-of-state. Fees are capped at a national maximum rate for both private and international schools.

Additional benefits of the Post-9/11 GI Bill include a monthly housing allowance and an annual books and supplies stipend. Thirty-six months of educational benefits are provided and are generally payable over a period of 15 years after release from active duty.

Eligibility for the Post-9/11 GI Bill is determined by at least 90 days of aggregate service after Sept. 10, 2001, or 30 days after an individual is discharged with a service-connected disability. An honorable discharge is required.

"I didn't have to worry about a job while I was going to school," said civil engineering major Methuselah Arnold, referring to how much the Post-9/11 GI Bill has helped him. "I hadn't been in school for six years; to go in [as a] full-time [student and] just focus on school and not have to worry about money as much, that was the biggest benefit for me."

The second most popular benefit is the Veterans Retraining Assistance Program. The program allows up to 12 months of training assistance to unemployed veterans. Upon completion of the VRAP, the Department of Labor will assist every veteran in finding a job.

Eligibility falls to veterans ages 35 to 60 who experience unemployment at the date of application, were not dishonorably discharged, are not eligible

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## PRESIDENT

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outreach program. In 1989, she left the Valley to work at Harbor College as the vocational education dean and acting vice president.

Later, her educational career moved her east to work as the chief academic officer at Schenectady Community College in New York.

Returning to Valley in 1996, Carleo came on as vice president of Academic Affairs. She was later selected as the senior associate vice chancellor for human resources and chief labor negotiator for the Los Angeles Community College District.

Carleo returned to Valley again in 2008 as president, which, for her, was a dream come true.

"It was the perfect way for me to give back to the outstanding institution where I began my career," Carleo said.

The leadership staff expressed similar feelings about the news of their friend and colleague's departure.

"I feel she made the right decision, but we're going to miss her a great deal here," said Karen Daar, the vice president of Academic Affairs. "So, I felt I understood the situation, but I was very saddened that my professional relationship with her was going to have to end."

Carleo hired Daar during her tenure as president and had a say in the hiring process for several other faculty members and administrators over the years. Among them was Sheri Berger, the dean of academic affairs, who was hired as a faculty member in 1999 when Carleo was still the vice president of Academic Affairs.

"It's bittersweet under the circumstances," Berger said. "I think that she's making the best decision that she can right now for her personal life. However, this is a difficult time for the college. We have a lot of issues that we need to address and deal with. We will continue to do that."

Carleo's leadership in the Valley community was a trait many admired.

"Leaders come in different styles," said Laurie Nalepa, the dean of Career and Technical Education. "One of the things I always respected about Sue is she doesn't have a flamboyant leadership style. She has more of a steady, quiet leadership style, and that's something I learned a lot from."

In Carleo's two-page letter to the college faculty and staff, the last paragraph read, in part, "Thank you for your continued commitment to Valley College and for allowing me to serve as your president for the past five and a half years."

She asked that the college remain focused on helping students succeed, and her last line read, "The success of our students is all that really matters."

FATIMA JIMENEZ | SPECIAL TO THE STAR

**GUIDANCE-** Former President Sue Carleo (center) listens to a student at a transfer event.

## VETS

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for any other VA education benefit program, do not receive unemployment or VA compensation and are not enrolled in a state or federal job training program.

Priority enrollment is also available to veterans if they have been out of service for four years or fewer. Additional perks Valley offers includes yearlong enrollment and unit credit from military service.

"Out of the 17 years that I've been working here at Valley College, this is the most rewarding job that I've had," said Veteran Students Coordinator Trish Gonzalez, who has previous experience in counseling, Title III and Title V. "Working with the veterans is very rewarding."

Veterans can apply for benefits at vabenefits.vba.va.gov.

# LABOR FORCES NUMBERS DECREASE

**A large portion of Americans have quit the labor force, causing it to shrink to a level not seen in 35 years.**

**EDWARD RUANO**
STAFF WRITER

The official unemployment rate is declining, but that is not necessarily a good thing.

Over the past three months, the economy has created an average of 148,000 new jobs per month, which is significantly less than the previous six months. Yet the unemployment rate continues to drop, reaching 7.3 percent in August—the lowest seen since December 2008.

The labor force participation rate, that is, the percentage of people over 16 who either have a job or are consistently looking for one, fell to 63.2 percent last month. The last time it was that low was in August 1978.

Economists agree that there are various reasons for the decline, including the retirement of the baby boomers and the bad economy keeping workers in school and out of the labor force. But the main reason is the discouragement of workers and the lack of good jobs.

"I don't lose motivation, but I can see how it would be easy to" said Shannon Weprin, a broadcasting graduate from San Francisco State University and current Valley College student. "It's not finding a job that's hard; it's finding the perfect work in your field during your post-grad life."

The largest demographic of people dropping out of the work force has been amongst young workers and students, between 16 and 24. The recession and its weak recovery have hurt the opportunities of young, entry-level workers in nearly all industries. Some simply cannot find work and give up. Others have decided to go to college or graduate school instead of searching for a job.

"I have friends who graduated and are just applying to whatever pops up on craigslist," said Weprin.

Last year, about 86 million people did not have a job and were not actively looking for one, according to Labor Department data. Some may be stay-at-home parents or living with friends or relatives. Others could be disabled and unable to work or opted for early retirement. But if people are quitting the labor force for economic reasons—and they aren't planning on going back to school—it would mean the U.S. economy is in much poorer shape than its unemployment percentages suggest.

A worse scenario is that if disappointed workers drop out of the labor force entirely, they may never be able to make their way back into the labor force and may become unemployable. That would be a massive national problem.

Although the weakened job market and economy is causing people to simply give up, students should not feel discouraged, according to a study by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, which found that about six million people claim they want a job yet have not looked for one in the last four weeks and that if they were to all start searching and applying to work again, the unemployment rate would rise above 11 percent.

"I'm giving myself five years to find my dream job," said Weprin. "And I have goals after that."

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# STUDENTS RECEIVE SCHOLARSHIP FUNDS

**LAVC Foundation is working to raise money for student scholarships.**

**ALTON PITRE**
STAFF WRITER

Although the shelves for applications are empty inside of the scholarship office, the LAVC Foundation is busy working to fill them by January 2014.

For students seeking potential scholarship funds, the only effective dates to apply are mid-January through mid-March each year. Notifications are usually sent out around July informing students if they will receive a scholarship for the fall semester, and not all scholarships are guaranteed for qualified and applying students.

"It's like a competition," said Raul Castillo, the executive director of the foundation.

If it was a possibility, scholarships would be awarded throughout the year, according to Castillo. Time is consistently a factor when dealing with money.

"The majority of our work is raising dollars. It takes time ... and once we have [the adequate amount of money], then it is made available for the students," said Castillo. "We are a non-profit; we do not donate the scholarships. Our main focus is to award scholarships and go out and get donors."

The foundation constantly searches for donors. Many donors are successful, former Valley students. According to Castillo, a few alumni forget where they came from, so the foundation's intent is to remind them of where they started.

Scholarship criteria vary based on the requirements created by its donor. For example, the biology department offers a "Biology 3" scholarship of $200 for those students who have completed biology 3 with an A or B grade and also requires a recommendation from a biology 3 instructor.

Last fall, 62 different scholarships were offered. Areas of interest included African American Studies, Biology, Business, History and Psychology, and there were also general scholarships. A business scholarship of $250 made up one of the smaller awards, while a general scholarship of $2,000 accounted for one of the largest.

The foundation's director advises students to speak to a representative from the Financial Aid Office, as some scholarships may affect their financial aid, and he reminds students they can apply for more than one scholarship at a time, if all standards are met.

"The criteria for scholarships all differ," Castillo said. "We give the donors the flexibility to offer these different types of scholarships for different types of students."

Scholarships can be applied for online through www.lavc-foundation.org/scholarships.php or at the scholarship office in room 100 of the Administration Building. For further information, visit the scholarship office or call (818) 947-2700.

# CALIF. PRISONS DO THE RIGHT THING

**The state's prison system must invest in rehabilitation, not remorse. Helping prisoners make their lives work.**

ZAIN ABOURAIA
STAFF WRITER

Becoming a convicted felon is one of the worst things that can happen to someone. One loses his or her freedom forever.

A convicted felon cannot find gainful employment, cannot vote, cannot leave the country, cannot live anonymously; those with felonies on their records cannot receive welfare, public housing, financial aid or any kind of social assistance. They have to check in with a parole officer, pee in a cup and look over their shoulders for the rest of their natural lives.

According to the Bureau of Justice Statistics, as of 2011 the United States has more than two million prisoners and more than 4.8 million people on parole or probation.

America has the most prisoners per capita in the world. That beats Russia, China,, Rwanda, and every other nation of earth.

California has the highest prison population in the United States with the most powerful prisonindustrial complex lobbyists, prison guard unions such as the California Correctional Peace Officers Association, private prison lobby firms including Navigators Global LLC and private prisons directly, such as Corrections Corporation of America. Currently, there are 287,444 prisoners held in 34 facilities.

In shockingly honorable fashion, the California State Senate rejected Gov. Jerry Brown's plan to ease overcrowding by spending $1.4 billion over two years to private and out-of-state facilities. Instead, it approved Senate President Darrell Steinberg's plan to spend $600 million over three years to ease overcrowding by investing in rehabilitation programs and counseling.

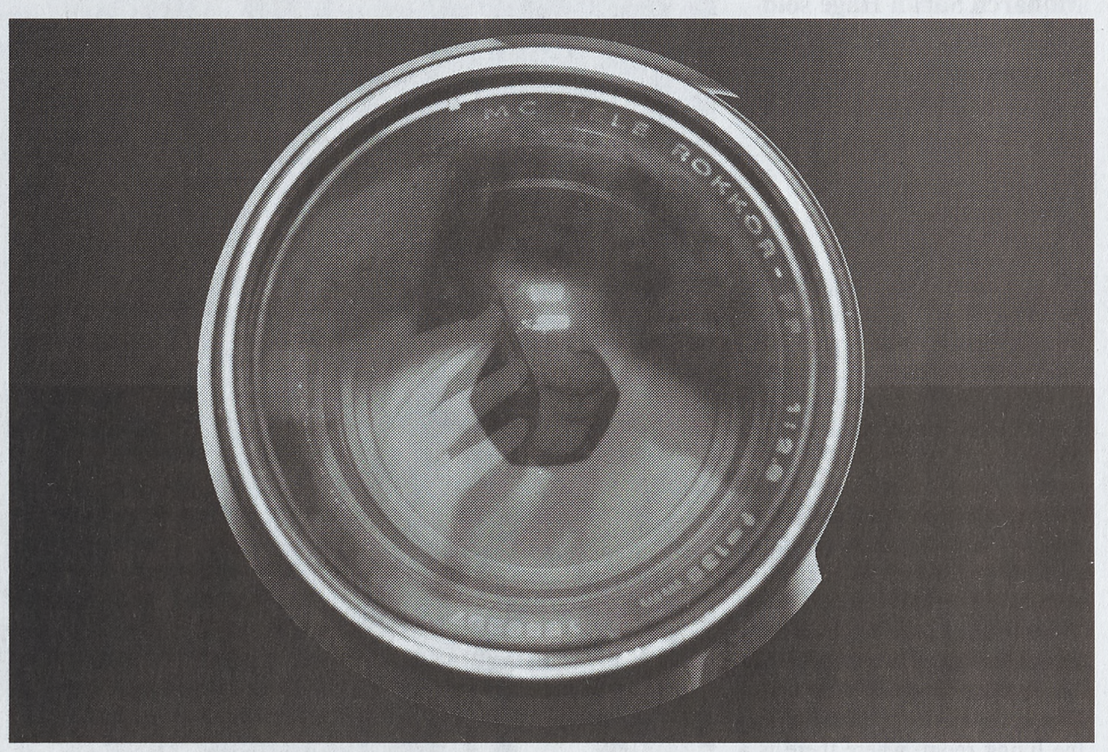
Rehabilitation programs are the only feasible way to give people convicted of a felony any chance at a productive peaceful life. Rehab programs for prisoners across the nation include education programs, therapy programs and vocational training.

Earning a GED, learning a trade or working out the underlying issues that led one to be incarcerated and subsequently branded by the state as a villain is the only way to give a felon's life back.

# BIG BROTHER IS WATCHING

**NSA's domestic surveilance program is eroding Americans' civil rights.**

EDWARD RUANO
STAFF WRITER



NATALIA CAMERONI | SPECIAL TO THE STAR

We are living in a country where the government not only views its citizens as suspects, but also treats them as suspects.

The revelation that the U.S. National Security Agency secretly collects indiscriminate private data of the general public has led to a worldwide debate after Edward Snowden, a former NSA employee, leaked information about the NSA's digital surveillance of all U.S. citizens.

The debate over the legality and benefits of nonselective government surveillance has led to a lot of student confusion surrounding what exactly the NSA operations do, but the more information that is revealed, the less clear it becomes which data they are gathering.

What the public does know is that a record of most calls, smartphone data, emails, social media posts, websites visited and nearly everything else a user does on the

Internet are all being collected and stored. Long term mass surveillance like this allows the government to create a detailed profile of every person in the country and draw a comprehensive outline of our affiliations with one another.

The NSA has no constitutional right to secretly record what every American citizen is saying on a daily basis. No one's personal conversations should be stored indefinitely.

What students need to understand is that the privacy of our communication plays a critical role in a free and democratic society. When the government allows its agencies to operate outside of the constitution, no matter how small or large the reason, it revokes the agreement between its citizens and the government, which establishes that the government works for and abides by you, the citizen.

"I think that the U.S. spying on its citizens is wrong," said Alexander Whisler, a concerned political science major. "They're just using their authoritative power to get around our amendment rights."

Civil liberties groups like the ACLU have filed various lawsuits against the Obama administration. Even members of congress and the Supreme Court are in support of reforming these surveillance laws.

Critics of undisclosed government surveillance have questioned the national security advantages of the NSA. Some security experts say that a sophisticated terrorist organization will know how to dodge the surveillance and operate despite the NSA's programs.

If the government invading your privacy is not upsetting enough, our biggest problem is not in the NSA; it lies in the lack of student concern.

"Students feel like it doesn't have anything to do with their lives, so they don't pay attention," said Whisler. "What has to change first is people's interest. They need to stop focusing on Miley Cyrus and focus instead on the rights we're losing."

The revelations of the NSA have not enraged students. According to a Pew Research study, 54 percent of people ages 18-29 said they had heard little to nothing about the controversy. Also, 43 percent of the same demographic agree with the government's actions, and only 9 percent of teenage social media users care a great deal about third parties accessing their personal information.

Snowden revealing this government secret is something students, if anyone, should support and become inspired by. The youthful fight-the-power attitude should be prominent in our school now, more than ever. Call a senator, send a tweet or create a hashtag because if our students do not oppose our government overstepping its legal authority, then who will?

# GOT TO LEGALIZE IT, NOT CRITICIZE IT

**California will get another chance at legalizing cannabis and creating a new industry, saving California from bankruptcy.**

ZAIN ABOURAIA
STAFF WRITER

Criminalizing the most useful and venerated plants in human history is tantamount to a crime against humanity. It may not be mass genocide or a biological attack, but it is no less than the alchemical transformation of human suffering into money.

The legal status of cannabis has been one of the most controversial issues in recent history. Over the past 76 years, the criminalization of hemp and marijuana has been supported by nonsense and racism. Harry Jacob Anslinger, the first commissioner of the U.S. Treasury Department's Federal Bureau of Narcotics, said in his testimony before congress, "... the primary reason to outlaw marijuana is its effect on the degenerate races." That was nothing outlandish for the time; public support for those laws was fueled by racism and fear of violence and interracial relations.

Since then, the reasons for keeping cannabis illegal have ranged from the fear-driven, violencecausing weed to the sixties-era communist brainwashing tool for pacifying America's youth against the evil machinations of the reds. The "Gateway Theory" is one of the most popular hypotheses; the idea is that having the introductory drug experience of using marijuana makes one desire more powerful drug experiences and causes hard drug use in an individual that would otherwise never consider trying hard drugs, such as cocaine or heroin.

Despite all of the factual data points to the contrary, the idea that marijuana will somehow expose someone to harder drugs is only true under a criminalized model where illicit streetdealers sell marijuana along with cocaine, heroin, MDMA—known as molly—to their customers. In a regulated model, there is no blending of the hard and soft drug markets because no legal business will sell illegal products alongside legal products.

> **"The primary reason to outlaw marijuana is its effect on the degenerate races."**
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> -Harry Jacob Anslinger
> Former commissioner of the U.S. Treasury Department's Federal Bureau of Narcotics

Next fall, California cannabis activists will have another chance at legalizing. Citizens will vote on the California Cannabis Hemp Initiative of 2014 in November of next year. The bill "permits the use of marijuana by adults 21 and older and licenses, regulates, enforces, and taxes recreational marijuana sales just like beer and wine," according to the final submitted wording.

It will also legalize hemp industrial products, medicinal preparations, Cannabis nutritional products and "euphoric products." It would prohibit the taxation of medicinal cannabis and take 50 percent of all excise taxes to support the fledgling cannabis industry, creating jobs, creating tax revenue and stopping the senseless incarceration of nonviolent marijuana offenders who did nothing more than smoke a dried plant that makes people happy for a few hours.

According to the Centers for Disease Control, tobacco kills 400,000 people annually, prescription drugs kill 22,134 people annually, alcohol kills 80,000 people annually and cocaine kills 5,000 annually. For the 10,000 years of recorded human use of cannabis, there has not been one death attributable to marijuana.

# HULU AND CO. KILLS CABLE

**More television viewers are registering for subscription services and abandoning cable networks—and for good reasons.**

JHANELLE RIVERA
EDITOR IN CHIEF

With Netflix luring customers in at $7.99 a month versus Time Warner's rate of $49.99 for six months, it does not take a calculus major to figure out that cable consumers are getting ripped off.

There is a reason why the American cable industry has lost 316,000 customers between June 2012 and June 2013, according to a study by Moffett Research.

While the cable industry is stuck in the Dark Ages, popular media stream services such as Hulu and Netflix are allowing viewers to enjoy their favorite shows and movies while saving enormous amounts of money. There is a vast selection in Netflix's library, including some of television's most-talked about series, such as "Breaking Bad," to classic tear-jerker films like "Titanic."

Streaming media services allow TV junkies to binge watch full seasons of shows as well as discovering original series, such as 2013's most popular new show, "Orange is the New Black."

One of Netflix's best features is how its artificial intelligence will make a suggestion based on previous selections, filed under "Suggestions for You."

As an added detractor, pay television has limitations. Not all pay cable networks are compatible with mobile devices, such as smartphones and tablets. Unlike cable, online services are portable—an important quality in today's on-the-go world.

As the unemployment rate is 37 percent, more people are staying out of the theater—as reflected by this summer's dismal box office returns—and opting to heat up popcorn at home, sit on their living room couches and watch movies in the comfort and convenience of their own homes.

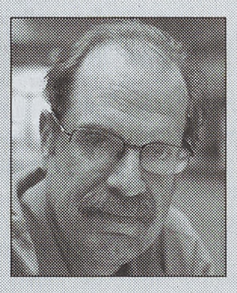
Services such as Netflix and Hulu run on various devices, including game consoles such as PlayStations, Xbox and Nintendo Wii, making both on-the-go and at-home viewing a breeze.

Ultimately, streaming media is just more economical and practical.

## VALLEY VIEW | WHAT DO YOU THINK THE GOVERNMENT SHOULD OR SHOULD NOT HAVE ACCESS TO?

"I don't think the government should have access to most of our information, unless there is a clear, or a suspicion, of a threat."
-ITZHAK BLANK
PHYSICS

"As a protection for the country, the [government] should have access to personal information."
-INDIRA BECERRIL
FORENSIC PATHOLOGY



"I realize the necessity of having some access to all our personal information, but it gets over the line in some casses."
-JIM INGWERSON
BIOMEDICAL ENGINEERING

"They shouldn't have access to our phones or personal documents and information ... it's invading our privacy."
-KARINA SILVA
ACCOUNTING

"The [NSA] should be allowed [access to] personal information because they are the ones protecting us."
- SONIA ISLAM
NURSING

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## GOT A LETTER TO THE EDITOR?

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## LAVC Events

**September**
**Friday, 20th**
***Planetarium Show***
***sponsored by the LAVC Earth Science Department***
***8p.m.-9p.m.***
***Planetarium***
Contact: LAVC Earth Science Department
818-947-2335

**September**
**Tuesday, 24th**
***LAVC ASU Finance Commitee Meeting***
***sponsored by the LAVC Associated Student Union***
***1p.m.-2p.m.***
***Campus Center 104***
Contact: LAVC Associated Student Union
818-778-5516

**Wednesday, 25th**
***Study Skills Workshop: Taking Notes During Lectures***
***1p.m.-2p.m.***
***Library & Resource Center Room 212***
Contact: General Tutoring
818-947-2750

**Friday, 27th**
***GED Pratice Test***
***Sponsored by the LAVC CalWORKs***
***8:45a.m.-12p.m.***
***Bungalow 14***
Contact:LAVC CalWORKs
818-947-2976

**September**
**Saturday, 28th**
***LAVC College Fest***
***sponsored by the LAVC Outreach & Recruitment***
***9a.m.-1p.m.***
***Monarch Hall Fireside Room***
Contact: LAVC Outreach & Recruitment
818-778-5831

# MONARCH ARTIST LIVES IN WORLD OF CREATIVITY

**Monarch Sarah Hage sold her "Vanity" piece to the Museum of San Fernando Valley for $500.**

**JHANELLE RIVERA**
EDITOR IN CHIEF

JAHSAUDI PERKINS, PHOTO EDITOR | VALLEY STAR

**HOT HOUSE FLOWER -** Sarah Hage sitting with her unfinished art pieces in front of her "underwater garden" in the back yard of the artist house.

A path through a bright green garden led to the artist's home with a doormat that read, "go away." And after two doorbell rings, she opened the door with welcoming arms covered in white paint.

"I'm just kind of a hot house flower," said art major Sarah Hage. "I have to have everything perfect, so I can be in a creative spirit and a creative space."

Boston native Hage lives in an art exhibit. More than 20 pieces of her personal artwork overflow her spacious two-story house; from the living room, where there is a giant paper-mâché octopus filled with bottle caps, to the "under the sea" guestroom displaying six portraits of exposed mermaids. Continuing into her kitchen reveals a Styrofoam treasure box decorated in pearls.

All of these pieces appeared in her memorablia collection in Massachusetts, entitled "Nude Swim." Hage stated it represented a sense of latitude.

Since elementary school, the 49-year-old always took art classes as electives. Her parents, however, have always "down played" her career as an artist and are concerned about her finding a stable career. In 2007, when she was ended her freelance position as a technical writer for the software program Adobe, the Monarch broke free to focus on her passion.

"I had just gotten off of a very difficult contract, and I had just had this wonderful feeling of evolution," said Hage. "They used to have something called the nude swim at the Y where it was all single sex. There's nothing sexual about it. It just felt free. I had a wonderful vision of these wonderful nudes swimming. I have to make money again sometime, but for now, I'm having fun."

As a relief from working in an office environment, Hage would garden to tap into her artistic side. Outside, near her "underwater garden," where euphorbia and opuntia plants circle the crystal-clear pool, is also where Hage stores inspirational art and produces her own art.

In her sanctuary waiting to dry was a sculpture similar to her "Vanity" piece, which showcased from June 3 to Sept. 6 at the campus art show. "Insomniacs (Student Show)," and was bought by the Museum of San Fernando Valley for $500.

"Vanity" was designed in Carol Bishop's acrylic painting class at Valley, where students were given directions to portray the concept of entropy.

"She's very creative," said Bishop. "Her work always has many layers. It's perfectly crafted, and she connects with the viewers."

Hage's interpretation of entropy is that "everything falls apart." The sculpture consists of an engraved skull inside a cracked mirror. According to the artist, the mirror is a symbol of reflection on morality and the "vanity" of youth and beauty, which fades. The oval glass is embellished with flowers and insects, which symbolize the fleeting aspect of life.

Hage will participate in the 21st Annual Arroyo Arts Discovery Tour on Sunday Nov. 24, 2013.

**IN MEMORIUM**

# VALLEY BIDS FAREWELL TO MONARCH ALUMNUS

**Monarchs mourn the lost of Art Ginsberg, a former student and long time LAVC Foundation donor.**

**JHANELLE RIVERA**
EDITOR IN CHIEF

Valley College alumnus Art Ginsberg never abandoned his green and gold pride.

Founder of Art's Deli Restaurant and creator of the LAVC Foundation's Ginsberg Family Scholarship, died on July 24 at the age of 78 due to a long battle with cancer.

"See these? These are books from classes at Valley," Ginsberg once told Raul Castillo, the executive director of the LAVC Foundation.

"He still had them on a book shelf," said Castillo.

In 1957, Ginsberg attended Valley, took a business exam, and the following day, he and his wife Sandy opened Art's Deli Restaurant in Studio City, "Where every sandwich is a work of art."

The restaurant was known as the hot spot for movie executives to dine and discuss business. According to an article in the L.A. Times, Warner Brothers reserved a table every Saturday morning, and at times, Ginsburg would cater meals for the studio's corporate jet.

Celebrities such as Steve Martin, Ed Asner, Mickey Rooney and Richard Dreyfuss would enjoy his infamous sandwiches.

However, Ginsberg never forgot Valley; he served on the LAVC Foundation Scholarship Committee, where he viewed applications and made sure students were awarded based on the scholarship criteria.

Not only did Ginsberg help select students to award, according to Castillo, but over the course of the last 10 years Ginsberg also has funded 20 general scholarships.

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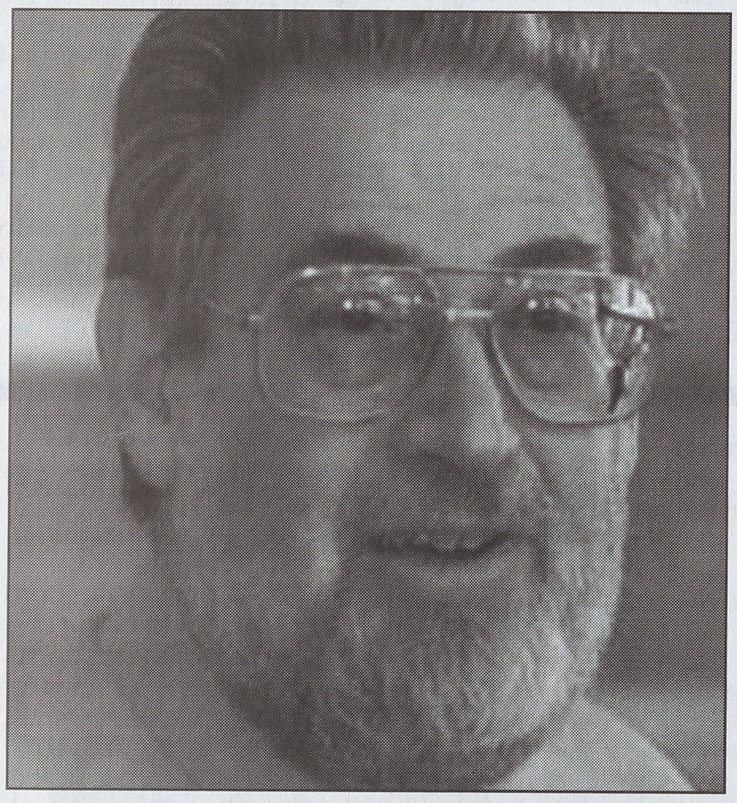
>
> -Raul Castillo
> LAVC Foundation director

"The deli is a great place to make business deals," said Ginsberg in one of the foundation's newsletters. "So why not fundraising deals for the college foundation?"

The sandwich artist hosted a number of luncheon meetings with potential donors.

"He also gave back by inviting us to his deli. He understood that in our line of work with the foundation we need to meet with people and talk about Valley College," said Castillo. "What better venue than to have it at Art's Deli?"

Valley will place a bench in Ginsberg's honor near the entrance of the Library and Academic Resource Center. The placement of the bench is TBA.



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**FOND FAREWELL -**Art Ginsberg, founder of Art's Deli Restaurant and creator of The Ginsberg Family Scholarship, passed away over summer.

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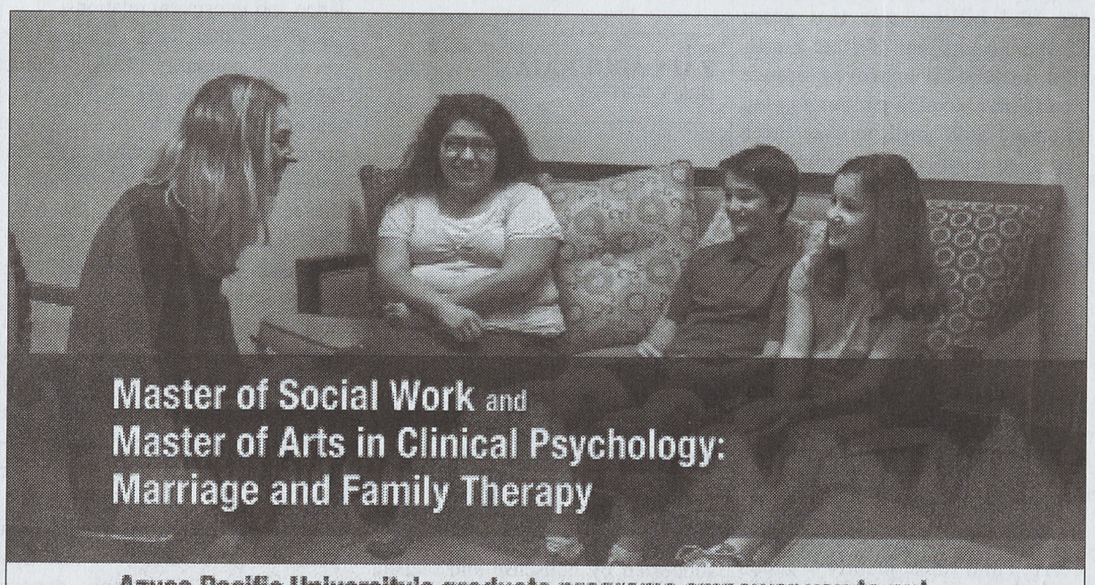


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# VALLEY STUDENTS FIND AFFORDABLE WAYS TO KEEP THE FLAME ALIVE

**Students balance their romanance and college education while keeping budgets under control.**

JHANELLE RIVERA
EDITOR IN CHIEF

With the cost of living, college, and book fees rising to an all-time high, couples find ways to kindle the flame without burning a hole in their wallets.

"It's tough because you have to balance out your social life and school fees on a fixed income," said legal studies major Jamie Brown.

Students who are involved in a romance can relate to their fellow Monarch. Whether it is the first date or celebrating an anniversary, people may find it difficult to impress their significant other while being on a budget without appearing cheap.

Valley College students reveal creative ways for lovers to enjoy each other's company without spending more than $20. As a result of Monarch's advice on economical sites, people could possibly have extra cash to purchase a bouquet of roses or even that jaw-dropping ensemble.

For couples who are film goers, 18-year-old Vanessa Franco suggested the $3 cinema at Valley Plaza 6 Theater in North Hollywood. Franco explained how this location is the perfect spot for an inexpensive date, where duos can snack without spending numerous amounts on goodies. To purchase two movie tickets, goodies and a fountain drink at chain cinemas like AMC Theatres, it costs more than $30.

According to an article in TIME Magazine by Brad Tuttle, movie theaters make 85 percent of their profit at concession stands. Franco's recommendation is quite the penny saver.

"If you want to go to the movies, I recommend you guys to go to the $3 theater. It's just $3, nothing more. They sell hot dogs, popcorn, anything like a normal theater for under $5," said Franco.

Some people would rather not take their significant other to the theater as a date due to lack of interaction. Other ideal dates consist of communication amongst each other through nature walks and art galleries. Without a cover charge, couples can view paintings, antique memorabilia and take enchanting strolls through the Central Garden at the Gettysburg Museum.

Business management major Dion Skinner shared ways to learn about someone on an intimate level in a calm atmosphere.

"I'll take her to the art museum; you don't have to spend too much money at the art museum. Let her know you're cultured and what not," said Skinner. "We'll walk around the park, nice sunset area, beaches, anywhere where it's nice and sunny and it's not too dark and you can spend time and talk and what not but not get distracted."

With ease, students can check off dating on their financial list this semester.

JAHSAUDI PERKINS, PHOTO EDITOR | VALLEY STAR
**MOTHER AND DAUGHTER** - Karine Darbinyan hugs her daughter after picking her up from the daycare service.

# BABY MONARCHS CRAWL TO VALLEY

**Valley College student-parents can take solace in the services provided by the Child Development Center.**

CAMILA TABAR
STAFF WRITER

Valley's single mothers are seen weaving strollers through crowded hallways every day, having to cope with the obstacles of being both a parent and a student. With most of them juggling work, school and motherhood, student moms need to be made aware of the options available to them, as well as those that are not.

The Child Development Center has given solace to many single parent students. With programs available for children ages from 2 1/2 to 12, its daycare allows parents to pursue an education with the comfort of knowing their kids are within walking distance of their classes.

At the center, children are cared for by what Terry Teplin, the center's director, called a "non-classroom faculty." Parents can rest assured that their children are receiving excellent care from a well-qualified staff. "All teachers are required to have a BA in non-classroom teaching," said Teplin. Even Valley students looking to become teacher's assistants must complete at least 12 units of Child Development classes before they are allowed to work in the daycare.

According to Teplin, school-aged children, ages 5 to 12, can utilize daycare services from 2:30 p.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 2:30 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Fridays, while preschool kids have daycare programs available from 7:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Valley's website is currently providing an outdated version of this schedule, and it is uncertain when this revised version will be posted.

While many single parents clearly benefit from the Child Development Center's daycare, its programs still have some unfortunate limitations. With a minimum six-month waiting list, Teplin suggested parents "[apply] a year before they plan to come to the center" and added, "we typically have more openings for the school-age program, but this year we have a particularly full program."

Some mothers are not even able to apply for the waiting list due to child age restrictions. Single mother and business major Catherine Jacobsen has a 16-month-old child, and unfortunately cannot use the CDC daycare. "I'm in a situation where I can't afford to have an alternative babysitter," said Jacobsen, echoing the plight of many fellow Valley mothers. "Now I can only take classes in the day time," due to the less-accommodating schedule of her current daycare.

"The age range needs to change," she continued. "If people are relying on the daycare services at their college, they will have to wait until their child is 3 years old to be able to do anything with their own life." Out of all of the nine LACCD colleges, only Mission College and Trade-Technical College offer infant care.

For the time being, Teplin said, "additional grants would be the best way to improve the facility" and hopefully broaden the services.

ALWAYS OUT FRONT

# COUNSELOR ASSISTS VETS WITH THEIR FUTURES

**Vets can attend special sit down sessions with career counselor.**

LEILANI PELTZ

At Valley College, many opportunities are readily available for its 780 veterans, yet officials say that few are taking advantage of them. The Veterans Resource Center is just one example.

The Center, which had its grand opening in the spring semester, provides information for vets and incorporates special resources in a more personal setting. It is located on the second floor of the Library and Academic Resource Center and is open Monday through Thursday from 1100 to 1845 hours and Friday from 0800 to 1300 hours.

Looking for ways to speak to a career counselor without dealing with the hassle of waiting for an hour or more for a 10-minute appointment?

Beginning Sept. 26, registered veterans will have an opportunity to sit down with Norma Torres, an adjunct instructor and career guidance counselor assistant, from the Career/Transfer Center on Thursdays from 1300 to 1700 hours in the Center, room 228.

During this time frame, vets can attend drop-in counseling sessions and workshops.

A number of workshops on topics such as resume building, career exploration and study skills, are planned each week from 1400 to 1500 hours, and the counselor is willing to create a workshop based off of suggestions she receives. "The first session will be a five-minute assessment to determine whether each person is an auditory, visual or tactile learner," said Torres. "Based on each area, I will incorporate different, effective ways of learning."

The counselor can answer career-related questions, including how to know when to transfer, which classes to take and when applications are due. She also offers resume help outside of the workshop dates. Questions that cannot be answered will be directed to another counselor.

If a workshop has a larger turnout than the room can hold, then the events are moved to a bigger location, usually in the transfer center. The largest upcoming event is the visit from a Cal State Northridge representative on Oct. 3. Someone from CSUN and the Veterans' Resource Center will be coming to discuss what to expect when transferring, what happens to benefits and other questions regarding transferring.

For questions or to learn more about upcoming workshops, Torres can be reached by email at torresna@lavc.edu, or contact the Veterans Office at 818-778-5796.

# RUSH WEEK BRINGS HOPE TO VALLEY COLLEGE CLUBS

**Valley College clubs attend rush week in hopes of signing up new members.**

PATRICIA RIVERA
STAFF WRITER

As the fall semester begins, clubs on campus recruit new members while others attempt to get chartered by Valley College.

During Rush Week, each club must decorate their tables with the selected theme for the day. The themes consisted of green and gold day, patriotic day, and on the final day it was the club's choice. Rush Week ran from Monday Sept. 9 through Thursday Sept. 12 in Monarch Square.

Clubs like the Black Student Union, Gay Straight Alliance, and other clubs at Rush Week have seen a decrease in members, so they are using Rush Week as a way to get noticed and to raise awareness about their individual goals as a group. Many clubs want to build up school spirit and make students more involved with Valley.

According to ASU Vice President Randdi Misrahi, there are about 16 clubs on campus, but only seven are currently chartered. Rush Week gives clubs an opportunity to get themselves noticed by Valley students. There are several clubs that are unofficial and are waiting to get their charter. In order to start a club, a group must first find a sponsor, pay their ASO fees and fill out the appropriate paperwork. An aspiring club must also appoint a president, a vice president, and a treasurer. .

The Gay Straight Alliance Club is looking to recruit new members so that their club can provide support for students. The GSA is struggling with membership but with their enthusiastic president handing out bubble gum to prospective students, recruiting students shouldn't be difficult.

"I want to break boundaries," says President of the Gay Straight Alliance, Christian Reynaga. The GSA wants to host supportive events not only for gay students, but also for students who want a better understanding of the gay community.

"We are low on members," Reynaga stresses. He wants to raise awareness about DOMA and help gay students, along with straight students, gain a voice at Valley.

The Foreign Language club sold Monarch Pride T-shirts on green and gold day. They want to make sure that there is adequate assistance for students since there is no longer a language tutoring center, and to "spark interest in people and have fun."

Each club is a part of the Inter-Club Council. The ICC is a governing body that is made up of one member from each chartered club.

The ICC's goal is to enhance the experience of Valley College students by supporting club-based activities. ICC meetings are open to all students in CC 104 every Thursday at 1p.m.

JAY GILLILAND | SPECIAL TO THE STAR
**CLUB DAY** - Bible Study club members were outside Campus Center during Rush Week, Sept. 9 through 12, recruiting new members. Many clubs set up tables in Monarch Square to encourage students to get more involved in campus life by participating in a club or even creating a new one themselves.

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# MONARCHS WIN SECOND CONSECUTIVE GAME

**The Monarchs defeated Southwestern College last Saturday.**

MATTHEW ROBINSON
STAFF WRITER

The Monarchs evaded many obstacles Saturday night en route to a 28-23 victory over the Southwestern College Jaguars to run their record to 2-0.

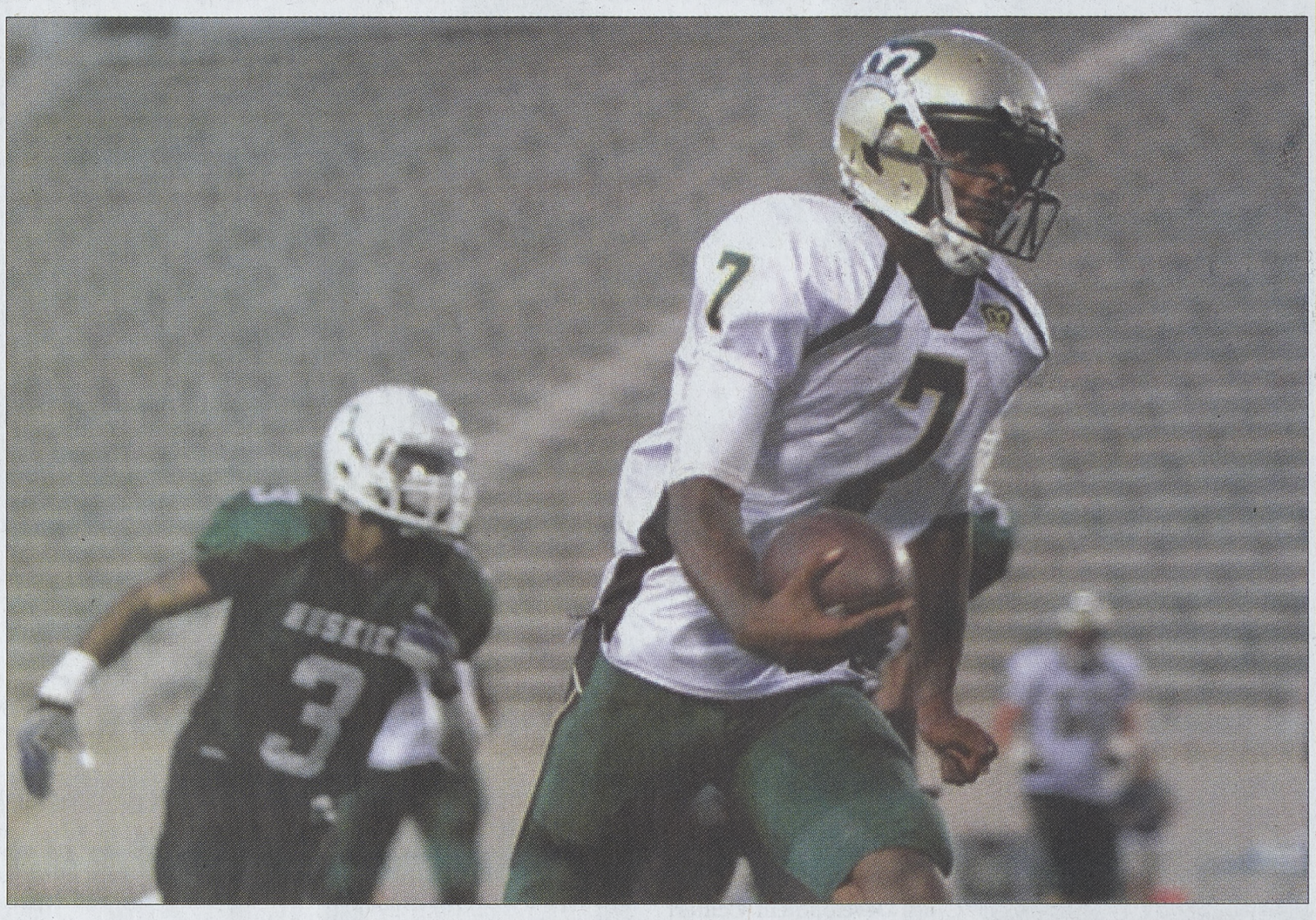
The biggest obstacle the Monarchs were able to get through was the loss of their number one running back Malcolm Thomas (4 carries for 79 yards and 1 touchdown) who was lost to a knee injury at the 2:19 mark of the first quarter.

But it was players like sophomore running back Royce Long (19 carries for 46 yards) who helped the Monarchs side step those obstacles. "I had to put the team on my back because our starting running back got hurt, and I had to step up and do whatever it takes to get this W tonight," Long said

On the second play of the game, Thomas sped down the left sideline for a 77 yard touchdown that gave his team a 7-0 lead after the successful extra point try by freshman kicker Bonifasio Rojas.

The Monarch defense kept the Jaguars off the scoreboard for the first half, led by the efforts of cornerback Jeremi Ross, linebackers Hector Ramirez and Victor Rabago.

But the Jaguars did get on the board early in the third quarter with a 2 yard touchdown run by receiver Rashad Ridley, in which Ridley was never touched on the play. That put the score at 7-7 with 13:39 left in the third quarter.



NIEIL G. PHILLIPS | SPECIAL TO THE STAR
**WINNING -** Monarch quarterback Patrick Tyler runs the football in last week's game against East Los Angeles College where Valley won 59-36.

In a strange offensive formation in which the offensive line was lined up to the left and the receivers were lined up to the far right, freshman quarterback Patrick Tyler (19 of 38 for 284 yards, 3 touchdown passes and 3 interceptions) threw a 24 yard completion to sophomore receiver Chris Walker who fell down at the SWC 10.

That big play led to a Tyler to Lawrence Oliver (5 catches for 96 yards and 3 scores) touchdown pass to give Valley its second lead of the night with 1:11 left in the third quarter.

Early in the fourth quarter, the Jaguars secured their first lead of the game courtesy of a 22 yard Juan Luna field goal which gave SWC a 16-14 lead.

But Oliver wasn't done with the Jaguars defense, as he scored two huge touchdowns in the fourth quarter. On the Monarchs second to last offensive drive of the game, which elapsed so much time off the game clock, Oliver got behind the SWC defense and caught a bomb from Tyler and proceeded to sprint all alone into the end zone for a 29-yard score with just 2:23 left in the game.

But the Jaguars refused to go away. Foster threw a 51 yard touchdown strike to receiver Marcus Harris to put the score at 28-23 with 1:37 left in the game.

On the last offensive drive of the game for both teams, Tyler executed kneel downs to end the game.

The Monarchs next game is saturday Sep.21 at Valley against M. San Jacinto Eagles at 7 p.m.

## MONARCH SCHEDULES

### Football:

**Saturday, Sep. 21**
vs. Mt. San Jacinto
@ Valley 7 p.m.

**Saturday, Sep. 28**
@ Santa Barbara 1 p.m.

**Saturday, Oct. 5**
@ Antelope Valley 7p.m.

### Cross Country:

**Friday, Sep. 27**
Golden West Meet
@ Central Park 9 a.m.

**Friday, Oct. 24th**
WSC Preview
@ Arroyo Verde Park
Ventura 3 p.m.

### Men's Water Polo:

**Tuesday, Sep. 24**
@ Fullerton 3 p.m.

**Wednesday Oct. 2**
@Santa Monica 3p.m.

### Women's Water Polo

**Saturday, Sep. 20**
El Camino Mini-Tournament
@ El Camino 3 p.m.

**Fri/Sat, Sep. 27/28**
@ Mt. Sac Tourney TBD

# LADY MONARCHS WATER POLO DOMINATE LAVC MINI TOURNEY

**Valley College's women's water polo defeated Santa Ana and San Diego colleges in a Mini Tourney.**

JORGE BELON
STAFF WRITER

The Valley College women's water polo team began its season with back-to-back 17-6 home victories this past Saturday against Santa Ana and San Diego Miramar colleges.

"Our offense and defense played good," said Monarch freshmen Brianna Lawton. "But we still need to improve."

The room to improve is visible for the Monarchs, and coach Pete Loporchio believes "Today's game is a good perimeter of where we are so far."

In the first game against Santa Ana College, Valley took an early 7-1 lead. Sophomore Yesenia Solano scored six goals in the first match against the Dons.

Valley's momentum continued in the third quarter where the Monarchs extended their lead 11-2. In that same quarter, the Dons tried to make an offensive drive of their own when they scored two more goals to make the game 11-4.

In the fourth quarter, the Lady Monarchs continued their offensive attack, scoring six more goals to secure the Valley victory of 17-6.

"We were rusty in the first game," said sophomore Sabrina Hatzer. "In the second game, we were better, but we still need to improve."

In the second game, Valley faced Miramar College in a match where the Monarchs' defense was the determining factor.

In the first half against the Jets, Valley sophmore goalkeeper Mariquita Lopez had three big saves and ended the game with six saves to help with the win.

"We played good defense in the games," said Pete Loporchio. "And we only had 15 minutes of rest in between the games, which is not normal in water polo."

Valley's Hatzer and attacker Savannah Simmons led the Monarchs' offensive attack against the Jets with the pair scoring 11 goals between them.

Holding off Miramar's consistent attack in the first quarter, Valley was still able to end the quarter with a narrow 3-1 lead.

The Monarchs' offense took over in the second quarter and took a commanding 9-2 lead going into halftime.

In the second half, Valley's offense continued to produce at a high level as the Lady Monarchs scored eight more goals. Valley ended the game with a second 17-6 victory.

"We were not physically tired today," said Hatzer. "But [also], we were trying to not get mentally tired out there."

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**BLOCKED -** Monarch goal keeper Mariquita Lopez blockes one one of six shots against San Diego College.

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